**FY 2024 FORMULA DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT FOR BACKLOG REDUCTION (CEBR) PROGRAM**

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<th>Who May Apply:</th>
<th>City or township, county, or state governments; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education</th>
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<td>Why Apply:</td>
<td>If your jurisdiction has existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis of samples for entry into the FBI’s Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), receive funding—based on a formula—to conduct, and increase capacity to conduct, analyses of DNA samples for entry into CODIS in order to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples. This program is for <strong>Formula</strong> funding only.</td>
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<td>Maximum per Award:</td>
<td>• Up to $3,500,000, based on a formula</td>
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<td>BJA encourages the following entities to apply:</td>
<td>• Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding.</td>
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| Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded: | • Increase laboratory capacity and efficiency to process CODIS-eligible crime scene samples.  
  • Purchase/implement new and more efficient instruments/robotics to automate routine laboratory processing steps.  
  • Evaluate, validate, and implement improved workflows.  
  • Provide salaries, benefits, overtime, and limited training and travel for laboratory staff.  
  • Purchase and upgrade software to more efficiently manage DNA laboratory operations. |
| Where to get more information about this opportunity: | Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/dna-cebr/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/dna-cebr/overview) for more information about the CEBR Program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172062](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172062) for full funding information. |
Tips for Success:

• **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: [sam.gov/content/home](http://sam.gov/content/home).

• For **questions** about the program’s requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation at: [https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172062.pdf](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172062.pdf).

• Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](http://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) and review the “Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations.”

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• To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **JUSTINFO** at: [www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo](http://www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo) and/or the weekly **Funding News** at: [public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25](http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25).

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How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

(1) Register in [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by May 23, 2024.

(2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](http://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by June 3, 2024. The application’s major elements are:

(a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).

(b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project’s strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.

(c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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